Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 16 Nov 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 17 Nov 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 15 Nov 2023 at 10:53 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for largely fair Thursday and Friday, also for turning more unsettled from Saturday, but lowering for the detail of worst of conditions thereafter.

Headline for Thursday 16 Nov 2023: Most staying dry with sunshine and light winds. Freezing level 800-900m.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 16 Nov 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Clear night	Clear night	Clear night	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%

Forecast for Thursday 16 Nov 2023

Weather: Overnight and early morning frost, ice and risk freezing fog patches around the foothills. Largely dry with only a few light and isolated showers appearing across the area, falling as snow above 700m. Good clear then sunny spells expected.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90% plus

Low cloud and visibility: Good or very good briefly lowering moderate or poor in rain showers, very poor in snow showers and within cloud with bases infrequently lowering 600m in showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	9/11 SE	9/12 SE	8/11 SE	9/12 SE	9/13 SE	7/9 SE	7/10 E	8/11 E	6/9 SE
900	9/11 SE	9/12 SE	8/11 SE	9/12 SE	10/13 SE	7/9 SE	7/10 E	8/11 E	6/9 SE
600	7/10 SE	7/10 SE	7/10 SE	7/11 SE	6/10 SE	5/8 SE	6/8 E	6/10 SE	5/7 SE
300	4/7 E	5/8 E	5/8 E	5/8 E	4/8 E	4/7 E	5/8 E	5/8 E	3/6 SE
Glen	6/9 E	7/10 E	6/9 E	7/11 E	5/8 SE	5/9 E	6/10 E	6/9 E	4/6 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-1/-5	-1/-5	-1/-5	-1/-5	-0/-4	-0/-3	-1/-5	-1/-5	-2/-5
900	-0/-4	-1/-5	-0/-4	-0/-4	0/-4	0/-3	-1/-4	-1/-5	-1/-4
600	2/-1	1/-2	2/-2	2/-2	2/-0	2/0	1/-1	1/-2	1/-2
300	2/-1	1/-2	1/-2	1/-2	3/2	3/2	1/-1	1/-2	-0/-3
Glen	5/3	5/2	4/2	5/2	7/6	7/5	5/3	5/3	3/1
Freezing Level*	800m	800m	800m	800m	900m	900m	900m	800m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Severe wind chill across higher tops despite the relatively light winds.

Forecast for Friday 17 Nov 2023

Weather: Similar to Thursday by day with good sunshine and only a few isolated light showers, wintry above 600m. Also risk ice and freezing fog around the foothills at first. Cloud increasing from south from evening, heralding rain and summit snow overnight.

Maximum wind: Variable 15 mph or less increasing southeast 15-20 mph by late evening

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90% plus

Low cloud and visibility: Good or very good briefly lowering moderate or poor in rain showers, very poor in snow showers and within cloud with bases infrequently lowering 600m in showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 5 Celsius increasing 6 Celsius for the afternoon
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: 700m

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